Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Jeff Davis

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Jeff Davis

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

GEORGE [redacted] (66)

LILI [redacted] (65)

our godchild Lizzie [redacted] (41)

Our Katrina experience was: she lost her house (# [redacted] Candy Lane and is living with us. I think she filled out one of these herself.)

See attached

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

See attached.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

Our Katrina Experience –

George and I stayed at home for the hurricane with our two labs – Bosco and Molly. It was quite a frightening experience with the wind, the trees falling and then the storm surge.

Our kids told us it would be bad - and to leave. We assured them that water never came across the tracks. – We sure were wrong about that!

Our Godchild, Lizzie, and her dog Little stayed in a little house on our property. It was just for the hurricane. However, she lost everything and she's still here. We're glad to have her. We had walkie talkies from house to house and had no idea how desperate a situation this hurricane would be. A tree fell on the house, through the roof and into the bathroom letting the rain pour in. One took out the steps and one across the roof and into the kitchen. George and I were in the living room when the water started rising and the floor started rising off the foundation. Thank God, it settled down and the house is sound.

We have been living in a room upstairs in our house with the two dogs. We sleep on a futon and cook on a microwave. Because George is so handy, he connected us to a well and we were one of the first in the neighborhood to have a working shower. Neighbors lined up to shower in the evening. We're doing quite nicely

We had to cut holes in the floor to right the fallen pilings, cut out sheetrock, remove insulation, and replace floors. Our story is much like everyone else's.

We have learned from this experience that we certainly can live with less. We've seen the goodness of strangers – volunteers from all over coming to our aid. We appreciate all the efforts of city employees: the Mayor, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and Public Works. Georgia Power Company got us electricity long before we expected it. The National Guard was quick to clear our roads. Various groups supplied us with ice, food and water.

Sometimes we long for the way it was, we're getting used to the way it is, and are looking forward to the way it will be.

Waveland is a great town and we call it home.

Mr. & Mrs. George [redacted] III
[redacted] Jeff Davis Ave.
Waveland, MS 39576-3227

What can Santa bring?

George says - In these trying times, we wish everyone in our community to be able to return to a normal life.

P.S. And a gas meter with gas would be nice.

Lili says – We are so fortunate. We are truly blessed. We have our home, our family, our church, and our friends. We thank you for your interest and concern. If Santa wants to give gifts, please bring them to our godchild, Lizzie [redacted], as she lost everything.

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